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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV)
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1. AGENCY RECENTLY RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 26, FROM SRV OBSERVER MISSION IN GENEVA TRANSMITTING A NOTE DATED JULY 20 FROM SRV FONMIN TRINH TO DG INFORMING HIM THAT DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN UNIFIED IN THE NEW SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WHICH HE ADDED SUCCEEDS TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP IN THE IAEA.

2. AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH MISSION, AGENCY HAS REPLIED AS FOLLOWS VIA LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 17 (COMPLIMENTARY SALUTATION AND CLOSE OMITTED):

QUOTE. AT THE OUTSET THE SECRETARIAT WISHES TO
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POINT OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN

THE AGENCY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AS A SUCCESSOR STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
VIETNAM IS A MATTER FOR THE AGENCY'S MEMBER STATES
AND THEREFORE BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF THE
SECRETARIAT.

QUOTE. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION WITH RES-
PECT TO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS A PARTY AND WHICH INVOLVE
THE AGENCY, THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
THE OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WOULD INFORM THE
SECRETARIAT WHETHER THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM CONSIDERS ITSELF TO BE A PARTY TO THE
TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY THE FORMER REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1971, TO THE AGREEMENT
FOR THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS BETWEEN THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 9 JANUARY 1974 AND TO
THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE AGENCY
AND THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF VITNAM IN RESPECT OF
THE VNR-1 REACTOR WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON
16 OCTOBER 1967. UNQUOTE.

3. COPIES OF BOTH SRV NOTES AND AGENCY
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